



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Spartanburg 7 School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 7,435**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.**  
**Board Chair: Sharon D. Porter**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	2	18	5	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	69.9%	65.8%	64.1%	68.1%	66.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.8%	68.0%	63.6%	68.1%	68.7%
Average District	74.0%	70.6%	67.4%	71.0%	72.0%

PASS	2010 Reading	2010 Math	2010 Science	2010 Social Studies	2010 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	38.4%	30.2%	22.4%	31.5%	30.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	36.0%	29.4%	18.7%	26.2%	29.6%
Average District	39.7%	32.1%	21.9%	29.4%	33.4%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	73.6%	8.8%	17.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.7%	12.2%	12.0%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2010 (%)

District	85.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	89.6%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	62.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.9%

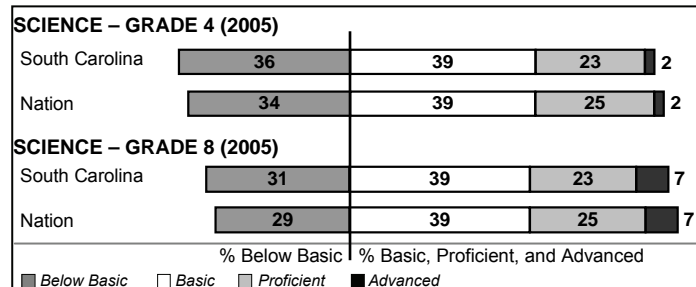
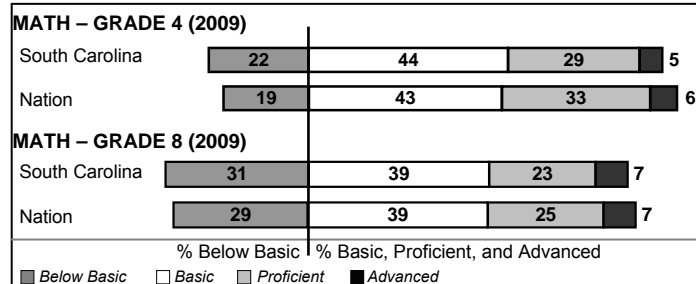
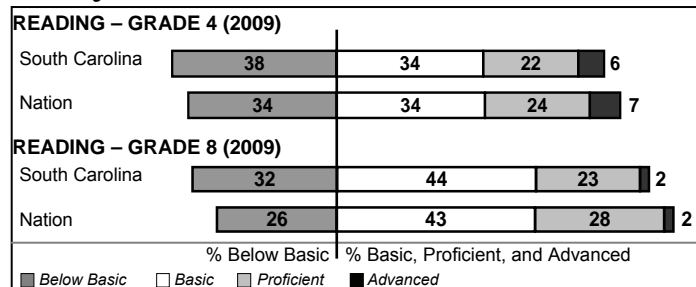
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	60.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.4%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=7,435)</b>				
Retention rate	2.4%	Down from 3.2%	2.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 94.4%	95.6%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	22.5%	Up from 20.2%	14.5%	14.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.2%	Up from 12.3%	11.0%	10.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	No Change	4.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 1.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.3%	Down from 22.0%	9.4%	12.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	78.8%	Up from 77.1%	46.3%	50.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.6%	Down from 31.6%	31.1%	31.4%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	27	Down from 40	57	47
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	26	Down from 39	37	29
Annual dropout rate	5.7%	Down from 6.6%	3.3%	3.1%
<b>Teachers (n=634)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.4%	Down from 67.9%	58.9%	58.8%
Continuing contract teachers	79.5%	Up from 76.9%	84.1%	81.5%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.1%	Up from 1.4%	3.8%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5%	Up from 87.0%	89.4%	89.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.2%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,647	Up 1.3%	\$45,809	\$46,618
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Down from 2.3%	2.0%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Down from 15.8 days	12.8 days	12.6 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.9 to 1	No Change	20.7 to 1	20.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 87.2%	89.4%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,103	Up 2.9%	\$9,366	\$9,364
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.9%	Down from 56.2%	53.9%	53.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.9%	Down from 58.8%	56.3%	56.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	13	No Change	9	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	Down from 9.8%	1.5%	2.4%
Average age in years of school facilities	29 Years	Up from 28 Years	29 Years	27 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	No Change	9.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.0%	Up from 94.9%	97.3%	97.1%
Average administrator salary	\$86,331	No Change	\$78,515	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	N/A		N/A	N/A

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Spartanburg School District Seven celebrated another year filled with tremendous accomplishments. This success is a direct result of the caliber of our students, the support of our parents, and the dedication and commitment of our faculty, staff, and administration.

Six schools in the district received the prestigious Red Carpet Schools Award recognizing their success in creating a family-friendly school environment. Five schools earned a Palmetto Gold or Silver award for attaining high levels of academic achievement and high rates of growth or closing the achievement gap. The program honored E.P. Todd Elementary, Pine Street Elementary, Chapman Elementary, Spartanburg High School, and the Daniel Morgan Technology Center.

School choice innovations for various schools include a Montessori program at E. P. Todd Elementary; a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program at Carver Junior High; an International Baccalaureate program at Jesse Boyd Elementary; a technology emphasis at Chapman Elementary; a fine arts focus at Pine Street Elementary; a science concept at Cleveland Elementary; and an Academy for Creative Expression (ACE) at Houston Elementary. In addition to these, we continue to pursue and implement other innovations, including a comprehensive child development center, a 6-8 grade configuration in our junior high schools, an AP College Board preparatory initiative at McCracken Junior High, and a 9th grade academy on the campus of Spartanburg High School.

We are excited about the future of District 7. Early childhood education and extended learning time through afterschool programs and summer programs continue as a priority. Additionally, the visual and performing arts programs that reach into our elementary schools will be strengthened, and our ability to serve gifted and talented students in honors and advanced placement programs will be enhanced.

District Seven strives for unmatched excellence in academics, athletics, activities, and the arts. In academics, Spartanburg High School had six students named as National Merit Finalists; the school was named again by Newsweek as one of the top schools in the country in recognition of its Advanced Placement program; and the Class of 2010 earned \$16,072,186 dollars in merit-based scholarships, a new school record. In athletics, the district completed its new sports complex, which transformed current playing fields and courts into a state-of-the-art facility. In activities and the arts, students gained local, state, and national recognition for participation and excellence in performance.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the children and community of Spartanburg District Seven.

Thomas D. White, Jr., Superintendent

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